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SUBJECT: TPSC RECOMMENDATIONS ON CANADIAN BILATERALS --
TREATMENT OF CANADIAN MACHINERY TARIFF (4270001)

REF: (A) STATE 140691 (B) GENEVA 08311

1. WE REGRET CONFUSION OVER THE U.S. REQUEST FOR IMPROVE-
MENT IN CANADA'S TARIFF OFFER FOR TARIFF LINE 4270001. AS
WE INDICATED IN REFTEL A, THIS CABLE WILL EXPLAIN AND
CLARIFY THE REQUEST WE INTEND TO MAKE OF CANADA ON THIS
TARIFF LINE.

2. OUR APPROACH TO TARIFF LINE 4270001 IS SPELLED OUT IN
ANNEX I OF TPSC 78-65 BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE FULLY EXPRESSED
IN A SINGLE RATE IN A COMPUTER LISTING.

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3. YOU SHOULD, IN GIVING THE IMPROVEMENT LIST TO THE
CANADIANS, TELL THEM:

A. THAT THE RESIDUAL COMPONENT OF 42700, 4270001-EOO,
WHICH CARRIES A REQUEST RATE OF 1 PERCENT REPRESENTS AN
AVERAGE REQUEST RATE ON ALL THE PRODUCTS COVERED IN THE
RESIDUAL.

B. FOR THOSE ITEMS IN THE RESIDUAL WHICH CURRENTLY ENTER AT 15 PERCENT OUR REQUEST RATES FROM A FORMULA CUT OF OF 9 PERCENT TO ZERO.

C. FOR THOSE ITEMS IN THE RESIDUAL WHICH ENTER DUTY FREE, OUR REQUEST IS A DUTY FREE BINDING.

4. TO AVOID CONFUSION CONCERNING THE SPECIFICATION OF TWO U.S. PROPOSED EX-OUTS TO 7470001, YOU SHOULD INFORM THE CANADIANS THAT THE EX-OUT LABELED U02 CONTAINS SPECIFIC PRODUCTS WHOSE LIABILITY TO A 15 PERCENT TARIFF IS UNCERTAIN. IF SOME OF THE PRODUCTS IN U02 CURRENTLY CARRY A 15 PERCENT DUTY, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THE CONTINUATION OF PROTECTION AT RATES ABOVE ZERO.

5. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO THE CANADIANS THAT THE SPECIFIC DEGREE OF PROTECTION IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN ELIMINATING THE MACHINERY PROGRAM SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIO THAT NO PRODUCT CURRENTLY ENTERING CANADA DUTY FREE SHALL BE DUTIABLE IN THE FUTURE. VANCE

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